

## **EXHIBIT 13**

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**From:** mariah lopez <mariah4change@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 07, 2017 10:53 PM  
**To:** Schnittman, Evan (Law)  
**Subject:** Re: Shelter Sites

Good evening

I am concerned that these shelters represent the worst of the worst in terms of DHS female shelters, and that DHS is scrambling to prove a point.

Like WIN West, I have received multiple disturbing first hand accounts about all of the shelters DHS recommends. Trans women universally condemn all of the shelters you listed, and I'm afraid to go to any of them.

I also believe that none of these facilities can accommodate my specific mental health needs, which include living with other GLBTQ individuals. Despite the fact that I identify as a "female" for medical reasons or on standardized legal forms, I am a Trans woman, or woman of Trans experience. None of the shelters DHS has attempted to transfer me to is for Trans identified individuals.

New York City and State law protect my right not to be forced to "pass", "hide", or go "stealth" in order to avoid uncomfortable harassment or questions in a non-GLBTQ shelter. Regardless of allegations that have sparked Project Renewal's demand to have me transferred, it's DHS's own fault that there aren't more shelters specifically for GLBTQ individuals, especially Trans women.

My PTSD and the unique nature of my other compounded conditions require minimal negative social triggers in order for me to function with the least chance of detrimental symptoms. Marsha's House is the only shelter within DHS which will minimize the symptoms of my conditions the most, and Marsha's is the reason why I chose to enter the shelter system in the first place.

If staff feel so "afraid" of me at Marsha's, Project Renewal can transfer them. Otherwise I demand a chance to defend myself formally ex judicially against the allegations of record. There have been far worse threats and altercations at Marsha's where individuals are not transferred out. Targeting me specifically, is retaliation. Project Renewal is exaggerating allegations in an attempt to neutralize my credibility in ongoing investigations by NYC DOI and the Bronx DA's office. I should not be forced out of a safe space simply because of well framed allegations by "conflicted" individuals.

The City's obligation is to me; a homeless ex foster youth who is legally disabled and who was the recent victim of a sex related felony crime. I should not be homeless tonight.

- Mariah Lopez

On Jun 7, 2017 7:17 PM, "Schnittman, Evan (Law)" <[eschnitt@law.nyc.gov](mailto:eschnitt@law.nyc.gov)> wrote:

Hi Ms. Lopez,

Thank you for speaking with me on the phone today. I'm following up on our telephone conversations to let you know that DHS has informed me that in addition to Win West, DHS will make a bed available for you tonight at any of the following sites, which can also reasonably accommodate your vaginal dilation needs:

Stadium (Bronx)

Pam Place (Queens)

Park Slope (Brooklyn)

Magnolia's House (Brooklyn).

If you would like a bed at one of these sites, please let me know as soon as possible.

Thank you,

**Evan Schnittman**

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